

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This application is based on and hereby claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/017410 filed on November 24, 2004 and Japanese Application Nos. 2003-394285, 2004-076982, 2004-076981, 2004-076797, and 2004-115212 filed on November 25, 2003, March 17, 2004, March 17, 2004, March 17, 2004, and April 9, 2004 respectively, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. --

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The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 51, line 1, with the following paragraph:

-- A particulate polymer (~~E~~)(D) used in the present invention preferably is a particulate polymer formed of a resin satisfying at least any one of (1) having a glass transition temperature Tg of 60°C or higher, (2) having a melting point Tm of 100°C or higher, and (3) being a cross linked polymer; and further preferably is a particulate polymer formed of a resin satisfying at least any one of (1) having a glass transition temperature Tg of 80°C or higher, (2) having a melting point Tm of 120°C or higher, and (3) being a cross linked polymer with a glass transition temperature Tg of 60°C or higher. The particulate polymer is particularly preferably formed of a resin selected from the group consisting of a silicone resin, a polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin, a polyacetal resin, an acrylic resin, a cellulose acetate resin, a phenol resin, a melamine resin, a benzoguanamine resin, a benzoguanamine/melamine resin, an epoxy resin and a nylon resin. --

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 74, line 14, with the following paragraph:

The weight average molecular weight Mw of polylactic acid resin (A) was measured and determined by the steps of: measuring the weight average molecular weight Mw as an average value of dispersed weights of macromolecule substances except substances having a molecular weight of 500 or less in terms of polystyrene standard, by using a gel permeation chromatography device made by Tosoh (GPC: data processing unit of GPC-8020 and detecting element of RI-8020), and polystyrene standards on a measurement condition described below; and calculating an arithmetic mean (with a significant figure of two) of three points per one sample.

column: coupled column (diameter of 7.8 mm and length of 60 cm) of "Shodex K-805" (trade name) made by Showa Denko and "~~Shodex K-805~~"K-801" (trade name)

eluent: chloroform

concentration of sample solution: 0.2 wt/vol%

quantity of injected sample solution: 200 µL

flow rate of solvent : 1 ml/minute

temperature of column and detector: 40°C